



## Policy & Procedure

### **Policy: Advocacy**

MTCCC members are encouraged to advocate for cancer control policies on behalf of themselves and/or their organization. The MTCCC is comprised of a diverse group of individuals and organizations and does not represent or speak on behalf of any specific individual or organization.

- Community advocacy - Implementation Teams will include local advocacy strategies and “call to action” in their cancer control activities where appropriate
- State policy - MTCCC legislative priorities will be determined following the Legislative Timeline (see below). MTCCC Members are encouraged to consider these priorities when advocating during the Montana Legislative Sessions. Members are asked to be active and partner with American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) as well as participate in the biennial “Lobby Day”.
- Federal - Issues will be tracked using ACS CAN and “Calls to Action” will be posted by ACS CAN staff on the MTCCC listserv.

**Immediate Response:** Should an issue arise that needs a rapid response, the Administrative Board will be the group to respond.

### **Procedure: Legislative Timeline**

#### *Non-Legislative Year*

##### 1st Quarter Steering Committee:

- Team and Committee Chairs submit legislative priority requests

##### April Administrative Board Meeting:

- Review Legislative priorities from previous session
- Compile Legislative requests
- Review partner legislative agendas

##### Apr-Jul Administrative Board:

- draft legislative priorities

##### Fall In-Person Steering Committee Meeting:

- Propose legislative agenda for discussion and approval

November Statewide Meeting:

- Report to membership and Call to Action

*Legislative Year-*

January-March: Legislative Session

- Bill Tracking through ACS CAN partner postings on MTCCC listserv.
- ACS CAN will monitor cancer-related bills submitted and update the MTCCC Admin Board when Legislative Priorities changes need to be considered.

June Admin Board Meeting:

- Review Session Successes/Challenges
- Review ACS Policy Tracking Document and consider recommendations for action

Effective Date: September 16, 2011

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

(Chair/MTCCC)